

CONNECTICUT COMMISSION ON CULTURE AND TOURISM

State Historic Preservation Board
October 16, 2008, 9:30 a.m.
One Constitution Plaza, 2nd Floor
Hartford, Connecticut

MINUTES

Present: Chairman Edwards, Dr. Curran, Mr. Curtis, Dr. Feder, Ms. Saunders, Mr. Wigren, Ms. Winters

Staff: David Bahlman, Susan Chandler, Mary Donohue, Mary Dunne, Sandy Hayes, David Poirier, Linda Spencer, Stacey Vairo

Absent: Mr. Favretti, Dr. Goodheart, Dr. Tucker

I. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Edwards at 9:41 a.m. Chairman Edwards introduced David Bahlman, Historic Preservation & Museum Director, Commission on Culture & Tourism.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Dr. Feder, second by Mr. Curtis, to approve the minutes of June 12, 2008 as circulated. (Y-7, N-0)

III. ON-SITE INSPECTION OF PROPERTIES

The proceedings of the meeting, including all discussions on nominations, are recorded on audiotape, which is available at the Office of the State Historic Preservation Officer, One Constitution Plaza, 2nd Floor, Hartford, Connecticut. All registration forms are subject to changes made by the Board and by the State Historic Preservation Officer. All properties were inspected by a member of the Commission staff prior to the meeting.

Ms. Vairo reported that for nominations of individual properties, all property owners were notified by certified mail, return receipt requested, of the pending nomination sixty days prior to the meeting. For nominations of districts, the chief executive officer of the town or city was notified by certified mail, return receipt requested, of the pending nomination sixty days prior to the meeting. Property owners within districts of less than fifty properties were notified by regular mail

of the pending nomination sixty days prior to the meeting. For district nominations of fifty or more property owners, legal notices appeared twice in local newspapers. Public information meetings were offered to each city/town in which a district is proposed.

All resources included in a National Register Inventory/Nomination form listed as “contributing” to the historical significance of a property have been so determined by the Board.

IV. COMPLETED NATIONAL REGISTER NOMINATIONS – Stacey Vairo Reporting

Mohegan House, New London (Criteria A,B,C)

Staff unanimously recommends the property for listing. The consultant is Douglas Royalty. One letter of support was received from Ulysses B. Hammond, Vice President for Administration, Connecticut College.

A motion was made by Mr. Wigren, second by Ms. Saunders, the State Historic Preservation Board approved to list the Mohegan House, New London, Connecticut, on the National Register of Historic Places. (Y-7, N-0)

Franklin-Chestnut Streets Historic District, Norwich (Criteria A,C)

Staff unanimously recommends the district for listing. The consultant is Edward A. Stoltenberg. No correspondence was received.

A motion was made by Dr. Feder, second by Mr. Curtis, the State Historic Preservation Board approved to list the Franklin-Chestnut Streets Historic District, Norwich, Connecticut, on the National Register of Historic Places. (Y-7, N-0)

Roxbury Station Historic District, Roxbury (Criteria A,C)

Staff unanimously recommends the district for listing. The consultant is Jan Cunningham. Fifteen letters of objection were received, which constitutes a majority of the owners.

A motion was made by Ms. Saunders, second by Dr. Feder, the State Historic Preservation Board approved to list the Roxbury Station Historic District, Roxbury, Connecticut, on the National Register of Historic Places. (Y-7, N-0)

William Clark Company Thread Mill, Stonington (Criteria A,C)

Staff unanimously recommends the site for listing. The consultant is Bruce Clouette. One letter of support was received by Edward Haberek, Jr., First Selectman.

A motion was made by Ms. Winters, second by Ms. Saunders, the State Historic Preservation Board approved to list the William Clark Company Thread Mill, Stonington, Connecticut, on the National Register of Historic Places. (Y-7, N-0)

Ms. Saunders left the room at 10:15 a.m. due to a potential conflict of interest regarding the below nomination.

Lime Rock Park, Salisbury (Criteria A,C)

Staff unanimously recommends the park for listing. The consultant is Sara Mascia, Ph.D. Four letters of support were received from Dan T. Bolognani, Executive Director, Housatonic Heritage, William L. Crow, President, Tri-State Chamber of Commerce, Roberta B. Willis, State Representative, and Congressman Chris Murphy.

A motion was made by Dr. Feder, second by Mr. Curtis, the State Historic Preservation Board approved to list the Lime Rock Park, Salisbury, Connecticut, on the National Register of Historic Places. (Y-6, N-0)

Ms. Saunders returned to the meeting at 10:20 a.m.

Medad Stone Tavern, Guilford (Criterion C)

Staff unanimously recommends the site for listing. The consultant is Dr. Robert Gordon. No correspondence was received.

A motion was made by Mr. Curtis, second by Dr. Feder, the State Historic Preservation Board approved to list the Medad Stone Tavern, Guilford, Connecticut, on the National Register of Historic Places. (Y-7, N-0)

CIGNA Wilde Building, Bloomfield (Criteria A,C)

Staff unanimously recommends the site for listing. The consultant is Jen Hembree. No correspondence was received.

A motion was made by Mr. Wigren, second by Dr. Feder, the State Historic Preservation Board approved to list the CIGNA Wilde Building, Bloomfield, Connecticut, on the National Register of Historic Places. (Y-7, N-0)

V. OLD BUSINESS

None at this time

VI. NEW BUSINESS – NATIONAL REGISTER PRESELECTION APPEALS

Chairman Edwards left the room at 10:45 a.m. due to a potential conflict of interest regarding the two appeals below. Vice-Chairman Curtis sat in for Chairman Edwards.

Hollister Homestead, Washington (Criteria A,B)

Staff recommendation was to not approve for study. The consultant is Alison Gilchrist. No correspondence was received.

A motion was made by Dr. Feder, second by Mr. Wigren, the State Historic Preservation Board approved the Hollister Homestead in Washington, Connecticut for study. (Y-6, N-0)

David Webb Jr. House, New Canaan

Staff recommendation was to not approve for study. The consultant is Rachel D. Carley. Two letters in support of the nomination were received by Rachel D. Carley and Janet Lindstrom, Executive Director, The New Canaan Historical Society.

A motion was made by Dr. Curran, second by Dr. Feder, the State Historic Preservation Board approved the David Webb Jr. House in New Canaan, Connecticut for study. (Y-4, N-2, Ms. Saunders and Ms. Winters)

Chairman Edwards returned to the meeting at 11:04 a.m.

VII. NEW BUSINESS - THREATENED BUILDINGS

None at this time

VIII. NATIONAL REGISTER AMENDMENTS

None at this time

IX. COMMENTS FROM DEPUTY STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER

The tentative 2009 meeting dates are: March 12th, June 11th and October 8th.

Mr. Bahlman expressed his pleasure at being the new Historic Preservation & Museum Division Director. He spoke of the hiring freeze and the budget issues we are facing and will be facing. At this point in time the History Division is fully staffed on the preservation side.

Linda Spencer will be retiring as of October 31, 2008. Her luncheon is scheduled for October 30th, if board members are interested in attending. Karen Senich, David Bahlman and Carolyn Underwood are in the process of conducting the final interviews for her position.

Because of the many changes in the NR Guidelines, in 2009 a National Register ½ day learning workshop will be conducted to update staff, consultants and board members on the changes.

The survey of moderns has been completed (1945-1975) on 100 properties.

X. MOTION TO ADJOURN – a motion to adjourn was made, and so moved. All in favor.

Next Board Meeting

Thursday, March 12, 2009, 9:30 a.m., One Constitution Plaza, main conference room.

Respectfully submitted by :
Sandy Hayes, Secretary II